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# Tip of the Spear

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## Commandant's Corner

Fellow Marines,

It is great pleasure to have Del Williams home from the hospital. We are going into a new year with high hopes of this being a very good one for all of us.

Elections will be on us before we know it. If you want to run for an office, please let Steve know or any board member know. We must get new members for our detachment to grow.

I know that there is a lot of completion for every one's time. As the old saying goes once a Marine always a Marine. Please spread the word about membership. I challenge each one of you to bring in a new member in the next ninety days.

We had a very successful Toys for Tots campaign in 2021. We will have the final figures by the first of the month. I want to thank every for all of their help and support for helping make the campaign very successful. If you know of a business or someone who deserves an award, please let Steve know. Hope to see everyone at the Family breakfast.

*Robert Walker*

## Upcoming Events

### Next Business meeting.

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:30 PM:** Detachment Business Meeting at American Legion Hall, 575 N. Fairplay St., Seneca, SC

### Next Family Breakfast

**Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 8:00 AM:** Detachment Family Breakfast at Seneca Family Restaurant, 515 ByPass-123, Seneca, SC

**Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 8:00 AM:** Detachment Trustees Meeting at American Legion Hall, 575 N. Fairplay St., Seneca, SC



**Steve Slagle**  
**Senior Vice-Commandant**  
**Toys for Tots Wraps Up,**  
**Seeking Recommendations**  
**for Special Recognition**

Our Detachment’s Toys for Tots Campaign wrapped up in mid-December after a successful year. All our volunteers did an excellent job collecting toys from some 190 businesses, stores, and community organizations. Len and Carol Rock did a terrific job coordinating and organizing thousands of toys to allow for efficient shopping and distribution of the toys to hundreds of children. Commandant Bob Walker will provide a final report on the campaign results.

Now we want to recognize those business and organizations that did especially well in providing toys to us. We want recommendations from those of you who helped in the collection to recognize those efforts and may have gone above and beyond the call. Forward your recommendations to Bob or me if you haven’t already. Think about:

- Any special promotions or creative approaches that businesses may have used to encourage donations,
- The total number of toys collected, especially based on the type or size of the store or business, or
- Contributions by the businesses or organizations themselves, in addition to any public donations they received.

We’ll want to visit those businesses, offices or stores this coming month and provide publicity for their support and efforts.

Lastly, to all the volunteers who helped with the campaign this year, our MCL Board offers its gratitude and thanks for all you helped us accomplish. I’m sure the children whose Christmas was made brighter by Toys for Tots gives their huge thanks, too. Job well done!

Semper Fi  
**Steve Slagle**  
Senior Vice Commandant



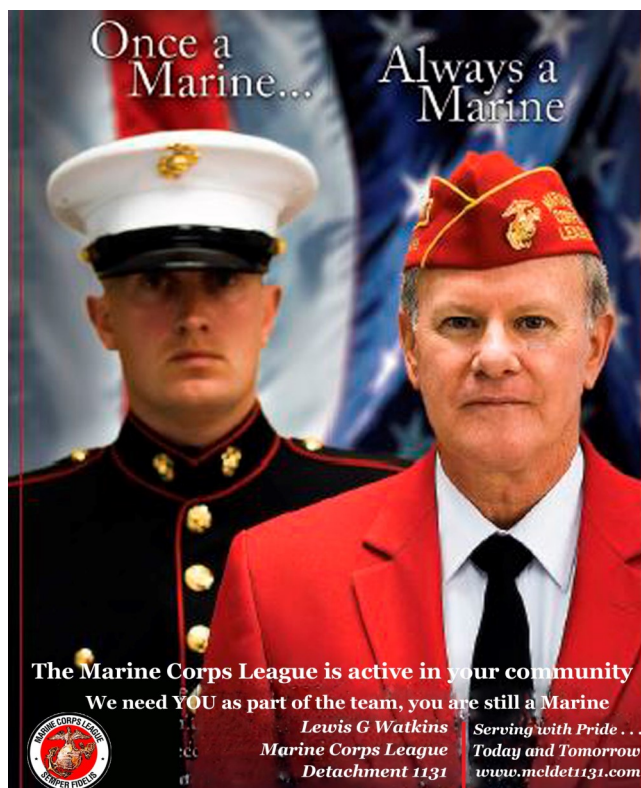
**“Skip” Wakeman**  
**Jr. Vice-Commandant**  
**Who is recruiting for the**  
**League**

The duty of the Junior Vice is Recruiting for the League. The reality of this statement is that **You** are the most valuable asset to recruiting for the League.

Whenever you see a person wearing a ball cap, or shirt that has a Marine Corps emblem talk to them. Start by giving them your name and then ask when they were in the Corps. Then ask them if they know anything about the Marine Corps League.

When the answer is no then tell them about the league is a continuation of the brotherhood as a United States Marine. We need to recruit Navy Corpsmen and Chaplains. These members add additional quality to our League.

In addition to recruiting new member we need to recruit Associate members. Associate members have always played a valuable part in our activities. So, if you know anyone that would add to our League we need them also.



Semper Fi, **“Skip” Wakeman**



**Bill Thompson**  
**Judge Advocate**

Greetings and wishes of Good Health to all Members and their Families. Missed seeing and talking with many of you during December because of the Toys for Tots activities and Christmas Holidays. Hope everyone had a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Santa advised that all of you were on the “Nice List” and I was very surprised but Proud!

Well, 2022 is here and we have a lot to do. After completing the “After Action Report” this month for Toys for Tots, we must turn to Elections of Officers for Lewis G. Watkins Det. 1131. Anyone interested in running for Office should advise the Nominating Committee Chairman, Steve Slagle or any Trustee Member for information. This Election is VERT IMPORTANT because according to our By-Laws Bob Walker and I cannot be re-elected. I also request that if you have a person you would like to nominate for a position, please let Steve or someone on the Board of Trustees know. The list of positions and responsibilities can be found on our Website at [mcl1131.org](http://mcl1131.org) in the Bylaws.

Our Fiscal Year ends in June so we have a new Budget to develop. We also need to continue the task of getting new Members. We need to think on new ways to increase our revenue. And, we need to recognize Members and others for outstanding contributions to the Detachment at our Awards Ceremony!

Hope to see everyone at our next General Meeting on Tuesday, January 18th, and Breakfast on Saturday January 29th at Seneca Family Restaurant.

Semper Fi,

*Bill Thompson*

## ***Wreaths Across America***



## **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

<b><u>Time &amp; Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event/Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Coordinator</u></b>	<b><u>Uniform</u></b>
6:30 pm Tuesday January 18, 2022	Detachment Business Meeting	American Legion Hut 575 N. Fairplay St. Seneca, SC 29678	Robert Walker	Basic
8:30 am Saturday January 29, 2022	Detachment Family Breakfast	Seneca Family Restaurant, 515 Hwy 123 Bypass, Seneca. SC 29678	Robert Walker	Casual
8:00 am Tuesday February 1, 2022	Trustees Meeting	American Legion Hut 575 N. Fairplay St. Seneca, SC 29678	Robert Walker	Casual
6:30 pm Tuesday February 15, 2022	Detachment Business Meeting	American Legion Hut 575 N. Fairplay St. Seneca, SC 29678	Robert Walker	Basic

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